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SUBJECT: GOP REACTION TO ASPAC AND HANOI RECOGNITION DEVELOPMENTS

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1. POL COUNSELOR HAD BRIEF OPPORTUNITY MAR 15 TO MENTION TO ACTING FORNAFFS SEC MANUEL COLLANTES RECENT ASPAC DEVELOPMENTS (MALAYSIAN PULL- OUT AND PRESS REPORT OF JAPAN' S INTENTION NOT ATTEND JUNE MIN MEETING) AND INQUIRED RE GOP ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTINUATION OF ASPAC. COLLANTES SAID GOP WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY ON ALL THESE MATTERS, INCLUDING, WHEN SPECIFICALLY QUERIED, ON DEMISE OF ASPAC ITSELF.

2. POL COUNSELOR THEN ASKED WHETHER GOP SAW EXPANDED ASEAN AS REPLACEMENT FOR ASPAC. COLLANTES THOUGHT THIS
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WAS A POSSIBILITY. WHEN ASKED FURTHER ABOUT COMPOSITION OF AN EXPANDED ASEAN, COLLANTES INDICATED THAT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED. POL COUNSELOR INQUIRED, IN LIGHT OF THIS POSSIBLE OBJECTIVE, WHETHER GOP WAS MOVING TOWARD EARLY RECOGNITION OF HANOI. COLLANTES SAID GOP WAS ACTIVELY STUDYING QUESTION. HE ADDED THAT, IF ASEAN NATIONS WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN VIETNAM REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT, IT WOULD SEEM THAT RECOGNITION OF HANOI WOULD BE A PREREQUISITE.
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